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SUMMARY. EXECUTIVE TRAINING PROGRAMS REFERRED TO REF B DO NOT MEET SCHOOL'S REQUIREMENTS. BORDER PATROL HAS DISCUSSED MATTER IN DETAIL WITH EMBASSY ELEMENTS CONCERNED, AND HAS RESUBMITTED WRITTEN REQUEST, WITH MODIFICATION THAT GOA WILL NOW PAY 1/2 INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE AND 1/2 PER DIEM COSTS. EMBASSY ELEMENTS FULLY ENDORSE THIS PROJECT AND SUGGEST THAT, POSSIBLY WITH ASSISTANCE FROM CU/STATE, A SPECIAL TYPE VISIT COULD BE ARRANGED. ACTION REQUESTED. THAT WASHINGTON APPROVAL BE GIVEN. END SUMMARY

1. EMBASSY ELEMENTS CONCERNED HAVE DISCUSSED IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL THE TYPE TRAINING RECOMMENDED IN REF B. BORDER PATROL OFFICER DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN GOING TO THE US FOR APPROPRIATE TRAINING, BUT THE SCHEDULE OF THE SENIOR COMMAND SCHOOL REQUIRES THAT THE OFFICERS (ALL WITH THE RANK EQUIVALENT TO COLONEL) ATTEND AS A GROUP, AND THAT THE FOUR WEEK VISIT COMMENCE NO EARLIER THAN OCT 15 AND TERMINATE NO LATER THAN DEC 20, THAT IS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE REGULAR SESSION AND JUST BEFORE THE OFFICERS ASSUME THEIR NEW COMMANDS.

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2. THE BORDER PATROL IS PREPARED TO MEET 50 PERCENT OF THE INTER-

NATIONAL AIRFARE AND 50PERCENT OF THE PER DIEM COSTS FOR THE 12 MEN AT THE RATE OF \$38.00 FOR UP TO 28 DAYS.

3. IN MAKING THEIR WRITTEN PRESENTATION TO THE EMBASSY, THE BORDER PATROL MAKES THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. THAT THE COLONEL/STUDENTS IN THE GROUP WILL IN 1975 COMMAND UNITS OF UP TO 700 OFFICERS AND EN, IN THE MAJORITY IN AREAS OF HEAVY SMUGGLING.

B. THAT PROPER US TRAINING OF THESE LEADERS WILL ALLOW FOR: "CREATING CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE PROBLEM IN EACH UNIT, TRANSMITTING FROM THEIR COMMANDS THE KNOWLEDGE OF MODERN TECHNICAL METHODOLOGY, PROVIDING FOR PROPER GUIDELINES IN COMMAND AND CONTROL AS IT RELATES TO NARCOTICS, LEARNING OF THE TECHNIQUES TO MAKE ON SITE EVALUATIONS OF PROJECT EXECUTION.

4. THE WRITTEN REQUESTS CONCLUDE BY NOTING THAT "WITHIN THE PRESENT GENERAL AND IMPORTANT ASSISTANCE THAT THE USA IS UNDERTAKING IN ARGENTINA IN THE FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTICS, IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS FURTHER ASSISTANCE WILL BRING ABOUT IMMEDIATE AND POSITIVE ADVANTAGES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ITS LOW COST AND THE NUMBER AND QUALITY OF THE PARTICIPANTS WHO WILL FACE THE PROBLEM IMMEDIATELY".

5. IN THEIR CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS, THE BORDER PATROL MADE TWO ADDITIONAL POINTS:

A. WHILE MUCH CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE TRAINING OF MEN AROUND THE RANK OF CAPTAIN, WITH A COMMAND OF PERHAPS 50 MEN, IN THE BORDER PATROL, MORE CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY PROVIDING INSTRUCTION AND INFORMATION TO THE COLONELS, WHO COMMAND UNITS OF PERHAPS 700.

B. THE USG IS PROVIDING LOGISTICAL AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING 2 SPOTTER AIRCRAFT, WITH A TOTAL COST OF \$275,000, AND SHOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE TO THE MOST SENIOR OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS DIRECTION THE INSTRUCTION AND ADVICE ON ITS MOST EXPEDITIOUS COMMAND AND CONTROL USE.

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6. EMBASSY ELEMENTS CONCERNED WITH THE NARCOTICS PROBLEMS FULLY BELIEVE THAT THE VIEWS PUT FORTH IN PARAS 3-5 ABOVE ARE VALID. AS SEEN FROM HERE, INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING TO THESE SENIOR OFFICERS, WHO CAN EXPECT TO SERVE ANOTHER 10-15 YEARS IN THE BORDER PATROL, CANNOT BUT HELP TO SIGNIFICANTLY ADVANCE THE AIM OF MAXIMUM NARCOTICS INTERDICTION.

7. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE TYPE TRAINING PROPOSED IN REF A IS NOT

POSSIBLE AS STATED ON REF B AND CA 6064. HOWEVER, IT WOULD NOT SEEM AN INSURMOUNTABLE TASK TO DRAW A SCHEDULE FOR THE GROUP WHICH WOULD MEET THEIR NEEDS, FOLLOWING BROADLY THE OUTLINE GIVEN IN PARA 6 REF A. STATE/CU PROGRAMMING AGENCIES HAVE ENORMOUS EXPERIENCE IN THIS TYPE SCHEDULING AND WOULD, THE EMBASSY IS SURE, BE GLAD TO CONTRIBUTE ITS EXPERTISE TO ENSURE THAT THIS GROUP OF SENIOR BORDER PATROL OFFICERS RECEIVE THIS TYPE TRAINING WHICH THEY NOT ONLY NEED BUT KNOW THEY NEED. SINCE FUNDING OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT BY DEA IS NOT POSSIBLE, PERHAPS CCINC, AID OR STATE FUNDING COULD BE USED.

ACTION REQUESTED. WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONCERNED ARE REQUESTED TO REEXAMINE THE REQUEST THAT 12 SENIOR BORDER PATROL OFFICIALS RECEIVE SPECIAL TRAINING IN THE U.S., TO APPROVE SUCH A REQUEST, AND TO DEVISE A SPECIAL COURSE OF TRAINING/EXHIBITION/ DEMONSTRATION WHICH WILL MAKE THE TRIP PROFITABLE TO THE GROUP, THE GOA AND THE USG.
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